

SPOKANE COUNTY Tobacco Use Statistics

ADULTS

Adult Tobacco Use

Information about reductions will be available in early 2003

- Our most recent survey data showed that about 21.4% of adults in Spokane County smoke cigarettes.¹

Quit Line

- 1,263 people from Spokane County called the Quit Line last year.²

YOUTH

Current Cigarette Smoking

New data will be available in early 2003

- Our most recent survey data showed:³
 - 6th grade: 3.7% in Spokane County, and 4.0% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
 - 8th grade: 11.7% in Spokane County, and 12.5% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
 - 10th grade: 18.2% in Spokane County, and 19.8% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
 - 12th grade: 27.5% in Spokane County, and 27.6% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.

PREGNANT WOMEN

Smoking During Pregnancy

New data will be available in mid-200

- About 20.3% of pregnant women in Spokane County smoke during pregnancy, compared to 12.6% statewide.⁴
- About 1,100 infants

¹ Data are from the 2001 Department of Health Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). A 'current smoker' reports having smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and also responds "every day" or "some days" to the question "Do you smoke cigarettes now?" Multiple years of data were combined to provide enough participants for a valid sample to represent the county. This estimate has a $\pm 5.0\%$ margin of error – this means that the "true" population value (percent of current smokers) is somewhere in this range of the reported percentage, but may not be exactly equal to the reported percentage.

² Data include counts of tobacco users, health care provider, and other callers seeking information from the Washington State Tobacco Quit Line between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2002, who identified themselves as being residents of Spokane County.

³ Data for Spokane County were collected as part of a county sample from youth who participated in the Washington State Survey of Adolescent Health. Margins of error for estimates in Spokane County are: 6th grade ($\pm 1.5\%$), 8th grade ($\pm 1.6\%$), 10th grade ($\pm 2.0\%$), and 12th grade ($\pm 2.4\%$). This means that the "true" population value (percent of current smokers) is somewhere in this range of the reported percentage, but may not be exactly equal to the reported percentage.

Data for Washington were collected as part of a statewide sample of youth for the WSSAHB in Fall 2000. The margins of error for estimates are: 6th grade ($\pm 0.7\%$), 8th grade ($\pm 1.1\%$), 10th grade ($\pm 1.5\%$), and 12th grade ($\pm 2.0\%$)

⁴ Data are from 2001 Washington State Birth Certificates. The margin of error for Spokane County is ($\pm 1.1\%$); the margin of error for Washington State is (\pm question "Did mother smoke at any time during pregnancy?" are classified as smokers. Health risk behaviors like smoking during pregnancy may be underreported due to growing social unacceptability of unhealthy behaviors during pregnancy.